State Governments have appointed Senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the National Highways Development Project such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/ pollution/environment clearances etc.

- To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges, an officer of the Railways has been posted to National Highways Authority of India to coordinate with Railways, Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with M/s IRCON International Limited.
- Performance of the contractors are being closely monitory and non performing contractors are identified.

Guidelines for LNG chartering

3231. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to relax the guidelines pertaining to LNG chartering to allow the LNG purchaser the choice of carrier for import; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No Sir, Ministry of Shipping Road Transport and Highways has no proposal to relax the guidelines pertaining to LNG chartering.

(b) Does not arise.

Widening of National Highways in Maharashtra

3232. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for widening of National Highways and converting them into four or six lane roads in Maharashtra is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and